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In re Application of :  
James J. Fort, et al. :  
Application No. 09/438,994 :  
Filed: November 12, 1999 :  
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ON PETITION

This is a decision on the renewed petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed September 29, 2005, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

**The two-month period for filing an appeal brief in triplicate (accompanied by the fee required by 37 CFR 1.17(c)), runs from the date of this decision.**

The petition satisfies the requirements of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that petitioner has supplied (1) the reply in the form of a Notice of Appeal; (2) the petition fee submitted on July 20, 2005; and (3) the required statement of unintentional delay have been received.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3229.

The application matter is being referred to Technology Center 1600, Art Unit 1615 for further processing.

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